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groove therebetween] wherein the inner rib of each pair of ribs [with respect to said second wider groove] are disposed for engagement with the teeth and the outer rib of each pair of ribs [with respect to said second wide groove] are disposed for engagement with the gums when the animal bites down [on said second wider groove] on said outer peripheral surface between said spaced pairs of annular ribs.

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Please add the following new claims 14-19 as follows:

14. (New) A pet toy comprising:

a first bulbous section having an outer peripheral surface;

a second bulbous section having a outer peripheral surface and spaced from said first bulbous section;

a center section interconnecting said first and second bulbous sections;

said first and second bulbous sections each having sidewalls of substantially uniform thickness;

a plurality of longitudinally spaced pairs of ribs extending around said outer peripheral surfaces of said first and second bulbous sections to facilitate an animal gripping said pet toy with its teeth; and

said pet toy being deformable in response to the biting action of an animal.

15. (New) A pet toy, as claimed in claim 14, wherein:

said first and second bulbous sections and said center section are aligned along a longitudinal axis.

16. (New) A pet toy, as claimed in claim 14, wherein:

said first bulbous section further includes a first opening formed at one end thereof; and

said second bulbous section having a second opening formed at a second end thereof.

17. (New) A pet toy, as claimed in claim 16, further including:

an edible animal treat placed in either said first and second openings.

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18. (New) A pet toy, as claimed in claim 14, wherein:
said center section includes a center opening; and
an edible animal treat inserted in said center opening.

19. (New) A pet toy, as claimed in claim 14, further including:
a rope extending through said pet toy and having an end with a knot formed therein, said rope
being secured within said pet toy.

REMARKS

By the foregoing Amendment and Response, new claims 14-19 have been added. Each of these claims find proper antecedent basis in the Figures at Figures 1, 3, 6 and 7, and in the description at col. 2, lines 55-67, and col. 3, lines 1-59.

The Examiner objected to the Reissue Oath/Declaration for a number of reasons. First, it was objected to as failing to identify at least one error which is relied upon to support the reissue application. By the foregoing amendment, claim 1 has been amended, claim 1 being an original claim of the patent which therefore in its amendment supports the reissue application. By this amendment, new claims 14-19 have also been added.

Claims 1-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 251 as being based upon a defective reissue declaration. Enclosed herewith is a Supplemental Reissue Declaration which sets forth the at least one error which is relied upon to support the reissue application (amendment of claim 1). Therefore, this rejection should be withdrawn.